

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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DOCKET NO. 2014-26-W

Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. for Approval of a Water Service Connection Agreement for Indian Pines Subdivision, Public Water System No. 3250051, with the City of West Columbia

Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("Applicant" or "CWS") filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for approval of a Water Service Connection Agreement ("Agreement") by and between CWS and the City of West Columbia ("West Columbia").

According to the Application, CWS provides water service to approximately 17 premises located within the Indian Pines subdivision in Lexington County. The Application states that water samples from the Applicant's wells serving the Indian Pines subdivision were found in 2011 to have radium values in excess of the Maximum Contaminant Level ("MCL") permitted by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC"). As a result, the Applicant and DHEC entered into a consent order requiring the Applicant to submit a corrective action plan to DHEC that addresses the radium MCL exceedences. The Applicant determined that the more practicable and effective method of addressing the radium levels in its wells was to enter into a water supply agreement with West Columbia and proposed to DHEC as its corrective action plan that the Applicant interconnect with West Columbia as the water source for the customers in the Indian Pines subdivision. DHEC approved the Applicant's corrective action plan December 20, 2012.

CWS and West Columbia have negotiated a Water Service Connection Agreement in which West Columbia will provide water service to the Applicant. More specifically, West Columbia will interconnect with the Applicant's water system at a point near the Indian Pines subdivision and provide bulk water service to the Applicant for service to its water service customers in the Indian Pines subdivision.

The Application states further that the interconnection with West Columbia has been completed and the wells serving the Indian Pines subdivision have been abandoned. DHEC has issued its approval to operate the connection to West Columbia's system and has closed the Consent Order effective September 30, 2013. CWS asserts that upon approval of the Water Service Connection Agreement by the Commission, the Applicant will provide water service to its affected customers in accordance with all of the applicable terms, conditions, rates and charges set forth in its rate schedule as may be on file with the Commission and as amended from time to time. As it relates to costs associated with this Agreement, the Applicant seeks an order from the Commission authorizing the Applicant to record not only the tap or connection fee of \$17,000 but all project costs associated with the Water Service Connection Agreement with West Columbia as utility plant in service additions, subject to review and audit by the Office of Regulatory Staff in the Company's next rate proceeding.

A copy of the company's Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2014-26-W. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the corporate office of Patrick C. Flynn, Regional Director, Carolina Water Service, Inc., 200 Weathersfield Avenue, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714 and Scott Elliott, Esquire, Elliott & Elliott P. A., 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **February 18, 2014**. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2014-26-W and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **February 18, 2014**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2014-26-W.***

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